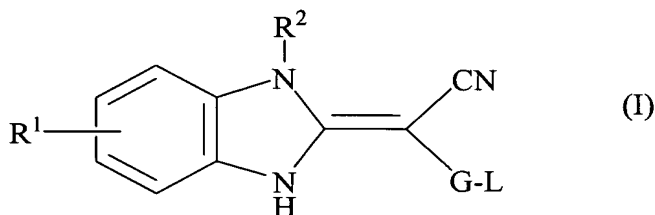


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A benzimidazole acetonitrile according to formula (I)



as well as its tautomers, its geometrical isomers, its optically active forms as enantiomers, diastereomers and its racemate forms, as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

G is a pyrimidinyl;

L is an amino group, or a 3-8 membered heterocycloalkyl, containing at least one heteroatom selected from N, O, S or L is an acylamino moiety;

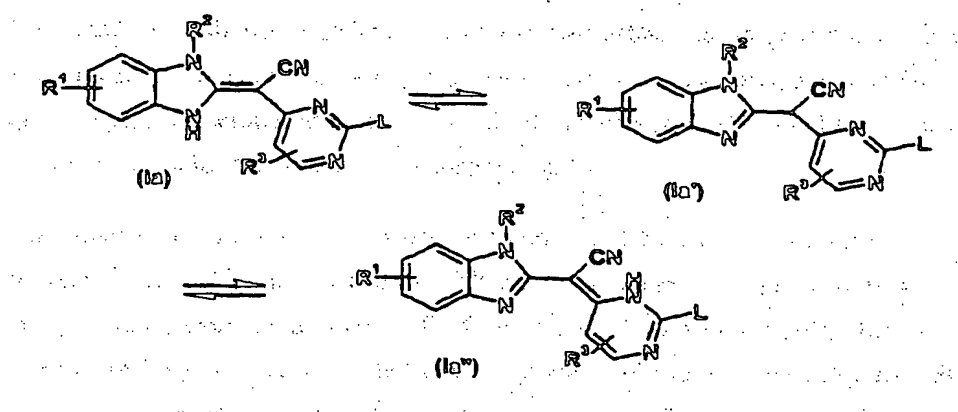
R¹ is selected from the group comprising or consisting of hydrogen, sulfonyl, amino, carboxy, amino carbonyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl or C₁-C₆-alkoxy, aryl, halogen, cyano or hydroxy;

R² is selected from the group comprising or consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, or C₁-C₆-alkoxy.

Claim 2 (Original): The benzimidazole acetonitrile according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is H or C₁-C₃ alkyl.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The benzimidazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of claims 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein R² is a C₁-C₃ alkyl.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The benzimidazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of~~
~~claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, having any of the formulae



wherein R¹ is as above defined, and

R³ is selected from the group comprising or consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, or C₁-C₆-alkoxy;

L is an amino group of the formula -NR⁵R⁶ wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently from each other H, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, 3-8-membered heterocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl aryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkenyl aryl, C₁-C₆-alkenyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkynyl aryl, C₁-C₆-alkynyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkenyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkynyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkynyl heterocycloalkyl, or

R⁵ and R⁶ may form a ring together with the nitrogen to which they are bound.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The benzimidazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of~~
~~the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein R⁵ is hydrogen or a methyl or ethyl or propyl group and R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl-aryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl-heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl and 4-8 membered saturated or unsaturated cycloalkyl.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The benzimidazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein R⁵ is H and R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ alkyl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl, 3-8 membered heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl heterocycloalkyl.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The benzoxazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein L is an acylamino moiety of the formula -NR⁵C(O)R⁶ wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently from each other H, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, C₂-C₆-alkynyl, C₁-C₆-alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, saturated or unsaturated 3-8-membered cycloalkyl, 3-8-membered heterocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl aryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkenyl aryl, C₁-C₆-alkenyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkynyl aryl, C₁-C₆-alkynyl heteroaryl, C₁-C₆-alkyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkyl heterocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkenyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkenyl heterocycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkynyl cycloalkyl, C₁-C₆-alkynyl heterocycloalkyl.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The benzimidazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(2-{{3-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(5-methyl-2-{{3-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-[2-(cyclobutylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(5-methyl-2-{{3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl}amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(2-{[3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(5-methyl-2-{[3-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

[2-(cyclopentylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)(1-propyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(2Z)-[2-(cyclobutylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

(2Z)-[2-(cycloheptylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

[2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile
1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene(5-methyl-2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-cyclobutyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(2-{[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){2-[(2-pyridin-3-yl-ethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)[2-(isobutylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(2-{{2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)[2-(isobutylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile

[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

[2-({2-[6-(dimethylamino)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl} amino)pyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)(2-{{2-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)ethyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(2-{{2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]amino}-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

[2-({2-[6-(dimethylamino)pyridin-3-yl]ethyl} amino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-[2-(cycloheptylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

[2-(cyclopropylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){2-[(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

[2-(cyclopentylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

[2-(cyclohexylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(2-{{2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl]amino}-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

{2-[(2-ethoxyethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){5-methyl-2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)[2-(methylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)(5-methyl-2-{[2-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethyl]amino}pyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

1H-benzimidazol-2-yl{5-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)(2-{[2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)ethyl]amino}-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

1H-benzimidazol-2-yl{2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl}(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

1H-benzimidazol-2-yl[2-(cyclopentylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){6-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

1H-benzimidazol-2-yl[2-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile

[2-(cyclopentylamino)-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

{2-[(cyclohexylmethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){6-[(2-pyridin-3-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){2-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)[2-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile

(1-ethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl){2-[(2-furylmethyl)amino]-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene){5-methyl-2-[(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

(2Z)-[2-(cyclohexylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

(2Z)-[2-(ethylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

[2-(cyclopentylamino)-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl](1,3-diethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)[5-methyl-2-(piperidin-4-ylamino)pyrimidin-4-yl]acetonitrile

(2Z)-(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene){5-methyl-2-[(2-piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]pyrimidin-4-yl}acetonitrile

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-oxobutanamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]pyrimidin-2-yl}-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-4-oxobutanamide

(1R,5R,7R)-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-6,8-dioxo-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-7-carboxamide

(1S,5S,7S)-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-6,8-dioxo-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-7-carboxamide

(1S,4S,5S,7R)-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-4-methyl-6,8-dioxo-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-7-carboxamide

(1S,4R,5S,7R)-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-4-methyl-6,8-dioxo-3-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-7-carboxamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}piperazine-2-carboxamide

(4S)-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-1,3-thiazolidine-4-carboxamide

(4R)-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-1,3-thiazolidine-4-carboxamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-5-oxo-L-prolinamide

4-tert butyl 1-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethyl)-2-[(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino]carbonyl]piperazine-1,4-dicarboxylate

tert-butyl (4S)-4-[(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino]carbonyl]-1,3-thiazolidine-3-carboxylate

tert-butyl (2S)-2-[(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino)carbonyl]-5-oxopyrrolidine-1-carboxylate

tert-butyl (4R)-4-[(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino)carbonyl]-1,3-thiazolidine-3-carboxylate

2-(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}acetamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-4-methylmorpholine-2-carboxamide

4-acetyl-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}morpholine-2-carboxamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-4-[(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)methyl]benzamide

tert-butyl 3-[(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino)carbonyl]piperidine-1-carboxylate

tert butyl 4-[2-((4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino)-2-oxoethyl]piperidine-1-carboxylate

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}morpholine-2-carboxamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-2-piperidin-4-ylacetamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}piperidine-3-carboxamide

tert-butyl 2-[(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino)carbonyl]morpholine-4-carboxylate

N-[3-({4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl} amino)-3-oxopropyl]benzamide

tert-butyl [2-({4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl} amino)-2-oxoethyl]methylcarbamate

N-(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)-1-methylpiperidine-3-carboxamide

N~1~-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-N~2~-methylglycinamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}pyrrolidine-3-carboxamide

tert-butyl 3-[({4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl} amino)carbonyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate

(2S)-N-(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-2-carboxamide

tert-butyl (2S)-2-[({4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl} amino)carbonyl]-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrole-1-carboxylate

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-2-(2-methoxyphenyl)acetamide

1-acetyl-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}piperidine-4-carboxamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-1-methylpiperidine-4-carboxamide

4-amino-N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}butanamide

tert-butyl 4-[(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino]carbonylpiperidine-1-carboxylate

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}piperidine-4-carboxamide

tert-butyl [4-[(4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)amino]-4-oxobutyl]carbamate

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}cyclopentanecarboxamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)butanamide

N~1~-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-N~3~,N~3~-dimethyl-beta-alaninamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-4-(dimethylamino)butanamide

(2Z)-(2-amino-5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)acetonitrile

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-2-morpholin-4-ylacetamide

N~2~-benzyl-N~1~-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}glycinamide

N-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-2-(1,1-dioxidothiomorpholin-4-yl)acetamide

N~1~-{4-[(Z)-cyano(1-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-ylidene)methyl]-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl}-N~2~-formylglycinamide.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A benzimidazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1 for use as a the preparation of a medicament.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of a~~ A benzimidazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~ Claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament for the prevention and/or treatment of metabolic disorders mediated by insulin resistance or hyperglycemia, comprising diabetes type II, inadequate glucose tolerance, insulin resistance, obesity, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of an~~ The benzimidazole acetonitrile according to claim 9 wherein the disease is diabetes type II.

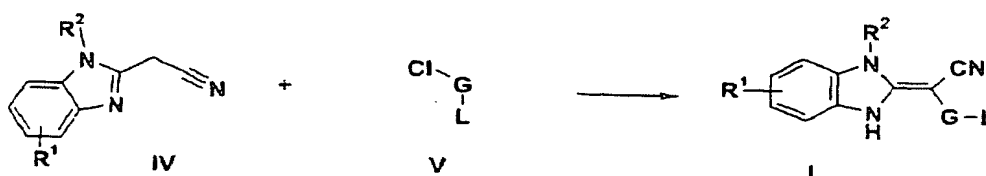
Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition containing a benzimidazole acetonitrile according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 8~~ Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient thereof.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The composition according to claim 12, further comprising at least one supplementary drug selected from the group consisting of insulin, aldose reductase inhibitors, alpha-glucosidase inhibitors, sulfonyl urea agents, biguanides, thiazolidines, PPARs agonists, GSK-3 inhibitors.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~Composition~~ The composition according to claim 13 wherein said supplementary drug is selected from the group consisting of a rapid acting insulin, an intermediate acting insulin, a long acting insulin, a combination of intermediate and rapid acting insulins, Minalrestat, Tolrestat, Sorbinil, Methosorbinil, Zopolrestat,

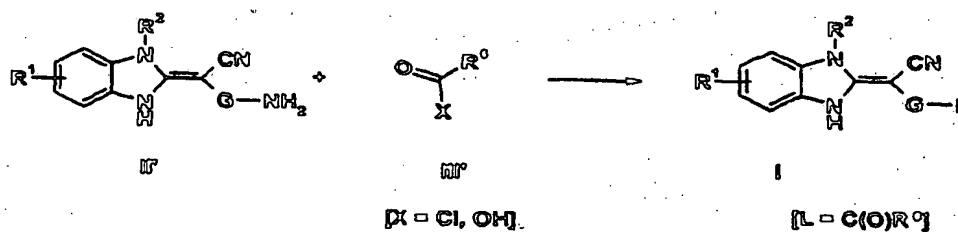
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Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing a benzimidazole acetonitrile of formula (I) according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 8~~ Claim 1, comprising the following step:

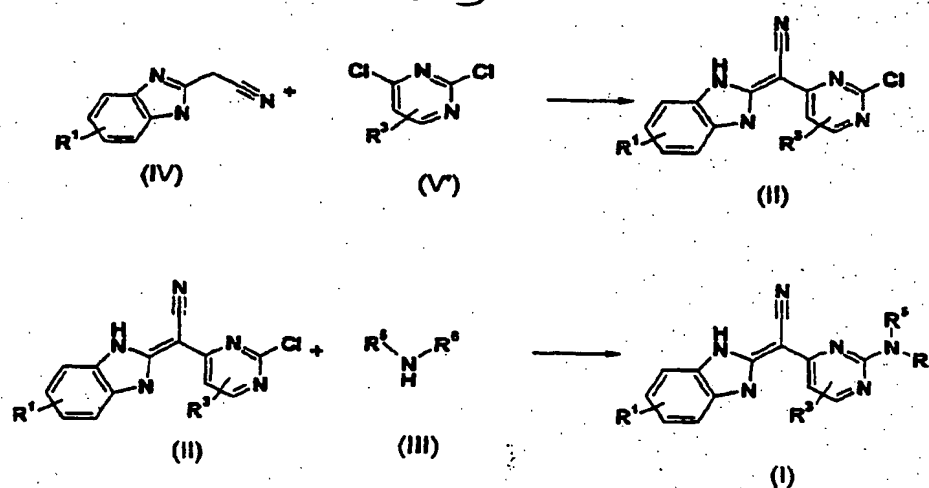


wherein R¹, R², G, L are as above described.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing a benzimidazole acetonitrile of formula (I) according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 8~~ Claim 1, comprising the following step:



Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 15 or 16, comprising the following steps:

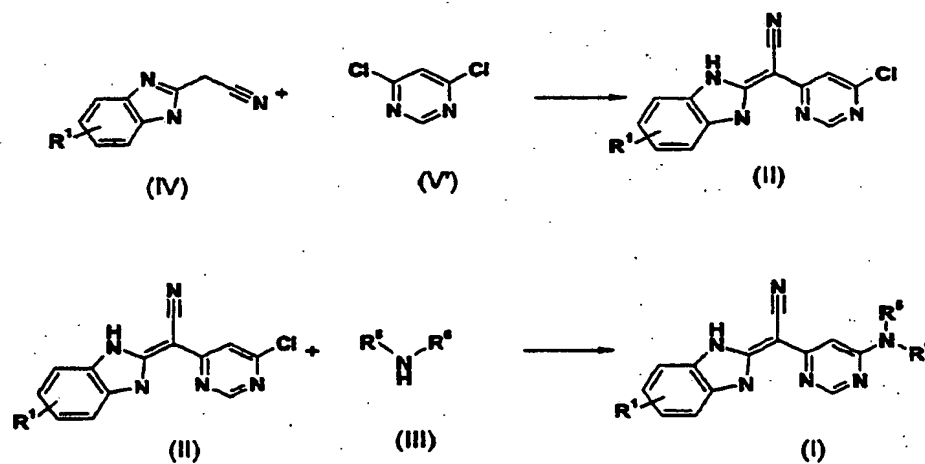


wherein R^1 , R^3 and R^4 are as above defined.

Second Claim 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (New): The method according to claim 15, comprising the following steps:



wherein R^1 , R^3 and R^4 are as above defined.

Claim 20 (New): The method according to claim 19, wherein the intermediate compound of formula (II) is selected from the group consisting of:

1,3-benzimidazol-2(3H)-ylidene(2-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

1,3-benzimidazol-2(3H)-ylidene(2-chloro-6-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile

1,3-benzimidazol-2(3H)-ylidene(6-chloropyrimidin-4-yl)acetonitrile.